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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE  
IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
Odile Aubrun-SONNEVILLE, et al. : EXAMINER: A. BERMAN  
SERIAL NO: 09/903,606 :  
FILED: JULY 13, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1617  
FOR: WATER-IN-OIL EMULSION AND  
ITS USE AS A COSMETIC

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

*A 1*  
**Sub B'**  
1. (Amended) A physiologically acceptable composition, comprising:

an aqueous phase dispersed in an oily phase, and an oligomeric or polymeric emulsifier comprising i) a polyolefinic apolar component comprising at least 40 carbon atoms and ii) at least one polar component.

*A 2*  
4. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the emulsifier reduces the interfacial tension between the aqueous phase and the oily phase of the emulsion by at least 10 mN/m when said emulsifier is present at a concentration of 0.01 % by weight relative to the weight of the oily phase.